

Senator Whitmer offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 105.

A resolution honoring Olympic torchbearer James Pivarnik, Ph.D.

Whereas, It is with admiration that we recognize Olympic torchbearer James Pivarnik, Ph.D., for his remarkable dedication to encouraging others and making a positive difference in so many lives; and

Whereas, On October 30, 2009, the 2010 Vancouver Torch Relay began; and

Whereas, For over three months, 12,000 torchbearers will carry the Olympic Flame on its 45,000-kilometer journey through over 1,100 Canadian communities, the longest relay held by a single country in the history of the Olympic Games; and

Whereas, Carrying the Olympic Flame is a once-in-a-lifetime honor, and Coca-Cola North America announced 20 inspiring people as United States torchbearers; and

Whereas, The torchbearers selected by Coca-Cola have all committed to living positively by making a difference in areas they felt passionate about--balanced living, their community, or recycling; and

Whereas, Being a champion of positive living in his community and using his passion for positive living to affect meaningful, enduring changes in Michigan, James Pivarnik, Ph.D., was nominated to carry the Olympic Torch; and

Whereas, Dr. Pivarnik is the president of the American College of Sports Medicine at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan; and

Whereas, As director of the Center for Physical Activity and Health at Michigan State University, Dr. Pivarnik is dedicated to increasing awareness of the role that physical activity plays in reducing risk factors for chronic disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize Olympic torchbearer James Pivarnik, Ph.D., for his remarkable dedication to making a greater impact by being responsive to the community where he lives and works; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to James Pivarnik as a token of our esteem, as well as The Coca-Cola Company for promoting balanced living, community, and recycling.